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Cholera in Japan.

[Inclosure.]

[Clipping from the Kobe Chronical—Cholera.]

The cholera outbreak at Okayama threatens to increase, and the authorities of the home department have decided to appoint special inspection officials with a view to a more vigorous crusade against the epidemic.

Since the 29th ultimo, when cholera first appeared in the city, 262 cases had been reported up to the 4th instant, of which 133 ended fatally. On the 3d instant 70 cases (28 fatal) were recorded, and on the 4th the number fell off to 31 cases, 21 ending fatally. The disease has penetrated the spinning mills and the prison; and it has been arranged that upon the arrival from Tokyo of Mr. Kurimoto, an expert in the home department, anti-cholera serum shall be first administered to the prisoners, numbering 1,300, and then to the inhabitants of that part of the town where the disease is most virulent.

On the evening of the 3d instant the Moji municipal assembly held a special meeting and adopted a proposal to appropriate 58,549 yen to the fund for the suppression of cholera. Of this sum, 25,111 yen would, it was hoped, be drawn from the money raised by prefectural taxes.

[Circular.]

KOBE, JAPAN, August 8, 1902.

To shippers:

Having been officially informed of the existence of cholera in epidemic form in the city of Okayama, shippers are hereby notified that no mattings, strawbraids, or other articles from that city, or within 5 miles of it, will be allowed to leave Kobe for any port in the United States, until further notice, unless such shall be shown to have been sent forward from the said city, or within 5 miles of the same, previous to July 15 last.

SAMUEL S. LYON,
United States Consul.

J. BUCKNILL FOWLER,
Acting Assistant Surgeon, Sanitary Inspector, Kobe, Japan.

KOREA.

Precautions against cholera.

SEOUL, KOREA, August 9, 1902.

SIR: I have the honor to inform you that cases of cholera having occurred in Nagasaki, Shimonosaki, and other ports in Japan, which are in communication with Chemulpo and other ports in Korea, and also in Port Arthur, which is in direct communication with Chemulpo, a meeting of the consuls of the treaty powers, the kamni and the commissioner of customs of Chemulpo was held on the 4th instant, at which it was decided that all the ports of Japan as well as the Russian ports in the Lioatung Peninsula were infected with cholera, and that in accordance with section 9 of the regulations for the prevention of the introduction of infectious diseases into Korea, quarantine regulations would be enforced against all vessels arriving from such ports on and after the 5th instant. It was also decided that the commissioner of customs of Chemulpo should enforce the regulations against vessels arriving from those ports of Korea which might thereafter become infected without calling a further meeting of the consuls, etc. Cases of cholera having been reported at the Korean port of Chenampo, the commissioner of customs notifies me that quarantine regulations will, therefore, be enforced against vessels arriving from that port from the 8th instant.

Respectfully,

GORDON PADDOCK,
Secretary of Legation.

The ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE.